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SYSTEM AND METHOD TO QUERY SETTINGS ON A MOBILE DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 5, 2004, applicant respectfully submits the following Response to the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121. The restriction requirement was made for the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 20-36, drawn to a method for routing a query statement and determining a setting on a mobile device.
- II. Claims 8-19, drawn to a data structure for network communications.

The Examiner states that the inventions are distinct, each from the other for the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be

separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as in any network system where clients are receiving and parsing requests. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant elects to prosecute the invention taught by Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-7 and 20-36. The aforementioned election is made without traversal. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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